

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

One of the most exciting projects that any group can undertake, has been in operation at Torrance High School for several years. Under the quiet and tasteful leadership of Mrs. Anne Graves, the senior class has begun a high-powered art collection—now eight years old.

The idea began eight years ago when the officers of the senior class wanted to do something different about a senior gift to the school. Let's face it—how many benches, clocks, plaques, etc. can one school take—especially the age of T.H.S.?

With careful planning—plenty of good advisors—and a limited budget—the program began with mixed feelings. Paintings can only be admired visually and many students want something more practical—like a fountain that gets dirty and has

to be cleaned out now and then.

"CORMORANT ROCK" by Vic Smith was the first acquisition in 1957. It's the largest painting of the collection—and the most treasurable. Smith is one of the most noted painters on the West Coast. This painting has risen in value more than six times its original price. Smith is now a professor of art at California State College in Fullerton, Calif.

The class of 1958 purchased "City at Night" by Marshall Lewis, a top exhibiting artist of Southern California. It is the only painting that even remotely has an abstract feeling to it. All of the other works in the collection have a fairly realistic quality to them.

Frank Mancuso of Philadelphia happened to be here in

Southern California during the spring of 1959 and it was my good fortune to meet him. The class of 1959 purchased "Roof-Tops" from him—it's a roof-top view of Philadelphia—and one of the most handsome of the collection. A recent letter from Mancuso informs me that he has just recently returned from a summer of painting in Italy.

"Boats" by Al Lecoque of Paris captured the purchase prize in 1962. Without a doubt—the most noted painter in the collection, Lecoque's stock is currently rising—and rapidly. The most famous pupil of Emile Bernard and Auguste Renoir—Lecoque recently had a 30 minute television show in color—showing him painting in his Paris studio. This painting has already doubled in value.

THE ONLY painting with figures in it was the choice of the seniors of 1960. "The Cardplayers" by Doug MacFadden is also a large painting done in subtle pastel colors. MacFadden, one of Southern California's leading exhibiting artists is now chairman of the art department at Fullerton Junior College. Because of his growing reputation in the exhibiting field—MacFadden's painting is appraised at \$100.

Neo-romanticism is the technique that Jim Stancin of Beverly Hills uses. In 1961, "The Search" was purchased. It is a stark gray composition of a desolate—almost "after the bomb" feeling but also could be that "twi-light

zone" between fantasy and reality. A very moody painting.

CAESAR HERNANDEZ, art teacher at Redondo Beach High School painted the 1963 winner, "After Midnight." A strong painting of San Francisco—one of Hernandez's favorite subjects. Hernandez is a member of the American Watercolor Society and is collected by many Southern Californians.

Last June the selection was made to include "Tranquility" by Richard Moore. A former New Englander—Moore paints in a singular manner—somewhat resembling Andrew Wyeth, but with a tex-

tural quality that enhances the subject matter.

The eight paintings have more than doubled in value since the collection began. An official appraisal has verified the high quality that Torrance students have selected. Next year I hope that the students select an abstract-expressionist or hard-edge painting—to better round out the collection.

Attorney Ranks Proposition 2 Vital to State

"Proposition 2 is vitally necessary to ensure an opportunity of higher education for the present elementary and high school students," stated Donald Hitchcock, Torrance attorney and past president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Listed on the Nov. 3 ballot, Proposition 2 will provide for a \$380 million bond issue for University of California, state college and junior college construction.

El Camino Stuns SC in Water Polo

By JIM CULP
Victory over USC in water polo is to a junior college what winning the pennant is to the Mets.

It's great to dream about but it couldn't happen. Last week, however, in the El Camino College pool, the dream became reality.

Late in the third quarter Campino Captain Jim Westerman sent his third goal of the day home to break a five-all tie.

A whole period remained to be played and the USC squad wasn't worried by Westerman's score. It didn't occur to them that a tremendous defensive effort by the Warriors would make that the last goal of the day.

When it was all over, El Camino won, 6-5. The loss to Camino was the Trojan squad's first loss to a junior college in more than a decade.

North High Hosts New Band Night

Elementary bands from 11 Torrance schools will perform next Friday evening when North High hosts its first Elementary Band Night.

The massed bands will perform at half-time during the North High-Culver City football game. Robert L. Jones, who directs the Saxon Marching Band, will be in charge of the half-time show.

More than 350 musicians will participate with the 150-member group from North High. "Music in the Schools" is the theme selected for the show.

Elementary schools participating in the program are: Arlington, Carr, Casimir, Crenshaw, Edison, Hamilton, Lincoln, Madison, Magruder, Perry, and Yukon.

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